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(54) Title: BIOPOLYMER FOAMS FOR TISSUE REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION (57) Abstract Single and double density biopolymer foams, composite biopolymer foams including both single and double density foams, and methods of preparing these foams and composite foams are described. Also described are biocompatible constructs which include single or double density biopolymer foams and extracellular matrix particulates and methods of preparing these constructs. The foams, composite foams, and biocompatible constructs of the invention can be used in tissue repair and reconstruction.		

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1. Claims: 1-18, 25-45 (in full) and 55, 57, 59-61, 63, 64 and 71-79 (all in part)

Single density biopolymer foams, their preparation and uses.

2. Claims: 19-32, 44-54, 58, 62 (in full) and 55, 57, 59-61, and 63-79 (all in part)

Double density biopolymer foams, their preparation and uses.

3. Claims: 55, 57, 59-61, 63-70 (all in part)

Quadruple density biopolymer foams, their preparation and uses.

4. Claims: 55, 57, 59-61, 63, 64 (all in part)

Compositions containing non-specific biopolymer foams.

5. Claim : 56

A composition containing a calcium phosphate cement and extracellular matrix particulates.

6. Claims: 75-79 (all in part)

Compositions comprising single or double density foams and glandular cells.

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